

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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UTILISATION OF EXCESS WATER FROM NEPAL
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has identified that surplus water of rivers flowing from Nepal to Uttar Pradesh and Bihar can be utilized optimally;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government has any proposal/scheme to utilize the said surplus water from this source; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c) The National Water Development Agency (NWDA) after carrying out Preliminary Water Balance Studies of Kosi, Sarda (At Poomagiri), Ghagra (At Chisapani) and Gandak (at proposed dam in Nepal) has identified that these rivers flowing from Nepal to Uttar Pradesh and Bihar have surplus water which can be optimally utilized. Under National Perspective Plan (NPP) for water resources development, NWDA has identified five link canal proposals namely

- (i) Sarda-Yamuna,
- (ii) Ghaghra-Yamuna,
- (iii) Gandak-Ganga,
- (iv) Kosi-Ghaghra, and
- (v) Kosi-Mechi for utilization of surplus water of rivers flowing from Nepal to Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. The Feasibility Reports of Sarda-Yamuna & Ghaghra-Yamuna link proposals in India portion have been completed.

The implementation of these link proposals depends upon the consensus and cooperation of the concerned States and agreements with the neighbouring countries.